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The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date:

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor
Madison

July 2, 1998

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

The following bills, originating in the Assembly, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Act Number</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
AB 621	319	July 1, 1998
AB 874	320	July 1, 1998
AB 873	321	July 1, 1998
AB 881	323	July 1, 1998
AB 505	326	July 1, 1998
AB 589	327	July 1, 1998
AB 658	328	July 1, 1998
AB 715	329	July 1, 1998
AB 265	331	July 1, 1998
AB 659	332	July 1, 1998
AB 537	333	July 1, 1998
AB 713	334	July 1, 1998
AB 215	336	July 1, 1998
AB 482	337	July 1, 1998

Respectfully submitted,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

July 6, 1998

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing **Assembly Bill 242** in its entirety. This bill creates a Class A misdemeanor penalty for placing blood, saliva, urine, feces or other bodily substances in candy or other liquid or solid edibles with the intent that these substances be consumed by another person without that person's knowledge. The bill also reduces from a Class E

felony to a Class A misdemeanor the penalty for placing objects, drugs or other substances in candy or other liquid or solid edibles with the intent to cause harm to another person.

I am vetoing this bill entirely because, if signed, this bill would substantially weaken a prosecutor's ability to obtain a felony conviction of a person who intends to harm others by placing dangerous substances in their food or drink. Children are often the victims of this evil crime. For example, malefactors in our society from time to time place razor blades and other dangerous substances in candy at Halloween and at other times during the year. I strongly believe such conduct deserves the consequences of a felony penalty. I believe our statutes should be clear on this point and prosecutors should not have to look to other criminal penalties to obtain felony convictions of persons who engage in such despicable behavior. Since the bill does not make an appropriation, I could not strike the penalty reduction that I oppose without vetoing the entire bill.

I support the concept of providing a misdemeanor penalty for similar conduct where intent to harm cannot be proven and I encourage the author of AB 242 to draft legislation for consideration in the next legislative session. I will carefully consider such legislation as long as it does not reduce existing criminal penalties.

Respectfully submitted,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

July 6, 1998

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing **Assembly Bill 842** in its entirety. This bill requires every state agency to submit a cost-benefit analysis of a proposed rule at the time the agency submits a notice to the Legislature that a proposed rule is in final draft form. The cost-benefit analysis, in addition to the currently required fiscal estimate, must include: (1) the anticipated annualized cost of the proposed rule to all units of government in this state; (2) the anticipated annualized cost of the proposed rule to businesses and employees in the private sector; and (3) the anticipated annualized benefits of the proposed rule to the residents of this state.

While I support providing both the Legislature and the public with more information on the costs of proposed rules,

I am concerned this bill will unnecessarily delay the promulgation of administrative rules. The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules already has the ability to require state agencies to perform cost-benefit analyses of proposed administrative rules.

I agree with the authors' intent, but I am concerned about the effect this bill, if signed, would have on the business of the government. The new requirement would create a slower, more labor intensive rule promulgation process, and as a result, delay implementation of programs important to both the public and policy-makers.

In the very near term, I will establish by Executive Order a policy requiring a cost-benefit analysis from any agency seeking to promulgate a rule with an estimated cost in excess of \$750,000. I believe that this threshold amount accomplishes the purposes of this legislation without creating a more complex and laborious administrative rule process.

Respectfully submitted,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
 Governor

COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
 Office of the Secretary of State
 Madison

To Whom It May Concern:

Acts, Joint Resolutions and Resolutions deposited in this office have been numbered and published as follows:

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Act Number</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
Assembly Bill 811	306	July 14, 1998
Assembly Bill 790	307	July 4, 1998

Assembly Bill 601	308	July 14, 1998
Assembly Bill 549	311	July 14, 1998
Assembly Bill 46	312	July 14, 1998
Assembly Bill 858	313	July 14, 1998
Assembly Bill 566	314	July 14, 1998
Assembly Bill 422	315	July 14, 1998
Assembly Bill 831	316	July 8, 1998
Assembly Bill 872	317	July 14, 1998
Assembly Bill 621	319	July 15, 1998
Assembly Bill 874	320	July 15, 1998
Assembly Bill 873	321	July 15, 1998
Assembly Bill 881	323	July 15, 1998
Assembly Bill 505	326	July 15, 1998
Assembly Bill 589	327	July 15, 1998
Assembly Bill 658	328	July 15, 1998
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Sincerely,
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
 Secretary of State